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Box 3(a):

The newly added limitations of "the first electrode including a plurality of first electrode sections", "a coating step of coating the surface of the flat plate", "the first electrode sections which are respectively surrounded by a plurality of partitions", and "forming the optical material layer in a region surrounded by each of the partitions" alone and/or in combination with the requirements of the dependent claims have not been considered.

Box 11:

The arguments on pg. 9-10 are directed to the newly added limitations. The arguments will be addressed upon entry of the amended claims.

Applicant argues on pg. 10-11 that Van Rijn discloses forming EL molecules by evaporation on pg. 19, lines 12-27 and by an inkjet printing method on pg. 19, lines 36-44. Applicant further argues that the present invention is different and non-obvious from Van Rijn in that respect. However, Van Rijn teaches that an alternative of forming the EL layers can be used on pg. 19, lines 31-34 where Van Rijn explicitly teaches that the EL material can be deposited using a three color micro printing method. Van Rijn describes the micro printing method on pg. 25, lines 16-31. The micro printing method is similar to that of the presently claimed invention.

Applicant argues on pg. 11 that Kiguchi and Kimura do not disclose transferring droplets provided on the flat plate onto the flat substrate. However, the arguments on directed to the newly added limitations. The arguments will be addressed upon entry of the amended claims.

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